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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application wherein the Examiner restricted the prosecution of the application to one of the following three groups:

- Group I Claims 1-27, drawn to a multi-layered floor covering;
- Group II Claims 28-35, drawn to a method of making a multi-layered floor covering; or
- Group III Claims 36 and 37, drawn to a method of providing a continuous floor covering.

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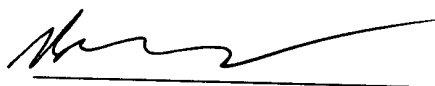
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The Examiner indicated that the groups do not relate to a single inventive concept since the floor coverings claimed in the independent claims of each group do not require the same multi-layered structure.

The invention of Group I as represented by claims 1-27 is hereby elected with traverse on the basis that the claims do contain a common inventive concept, as embodied by the fabric of claim 1.

No fees are believed to be required with the filing of this response. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,



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